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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 173781 ACTION CARACAS PARIS NICE AUG 8,1974

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 173781

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, MN

SUBJECT:U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN ICSEM

REF: CARACAS 06979

1. TELEGRAM INSTRUCTING PARIS AND NICE TO DISCUSS USG RESERVATIONS ABOUT ICSEM MEMBERSHIP WITH PRINCE RAINIER AND/OR COUSTEAU SENT MAY 18, 1971. ONE PROBLEM WHICH THAT CABLE IDENTIFIED WAS THE QUOTE LOOSENESS UNQUOTE OF THE ICSEM STATUTES, DESPITE AMENDMENTS MADE IN 1969 AND 1970. THIS QUOTE LOOSENESS UNQUOTE RESULTS FROM THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT STILL CONSIDERS VALID:

(A) VAGUENESS OF PURPOSE OF COMMISSION; (B) NO LIMITATIONS INCLUDED ON LEVELS OF ASSESSMENT AND NO INDICATION OF NUMBER OF VOTES NEEDED TO CHANGE ASSESSMENT SCALE; (C) OBLIGATION OF MEMBER TO REMAIN IN ORGANIZATION FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEAR PERIOD; (D) STATUTE MIGHT BE
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AMENDED WITHOUT CONCURRENCE OF MEMBER STATES; AND

(E) NO INDICATION OF STATUTORY RESTRAINTS PLACED ON BUREAU REGARDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS WITHIN BUDGETARY PERIODS. DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD OF REPLY TO THIS CABLE, BUT ASSUMES INSTRUCTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT. THE U.S. CONSULATE AT NICE INDICATES (NICE 526) THAT THEIR FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF REPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION.

2. 1971 CABLE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AT THAT TIME USG WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (CIM) OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION. CIM WAS AND STILL IS A COOPERATIVE IOC/ICSEM PROGRAM. IN 1972, USG WITHDREW FROM CIM DUE TO DECLINING INTEREST OF SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. IN DECEMBER 1973, QUESTION OF U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN ICSEM WAS RECONSIDERED, BUT LOW LEVEL OF INTEREST IN MEDITERRANEAN STILL EXPRESSED BY SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE.

3. CONSIDERING ABOVE, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT FEEL THAT CIRCUMSTANCES NOW WARRANT CHANGE IN USG POSITION. IF USDEL BELIEVES OTHERWISE, WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION SO QUESTION CAN BE RECONSIDERED. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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